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SUBJ: CHAO HSIN-CHU REELECTED CHAIRMAN OF HUPEH REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE

REF: (A) HONG KONG 15198 (B) HONG KONG 568

1. PEKING DOMESTIC RADIO CARRIED ON ITS JANUARY 17 MORNING
NEWS BROADCAST A BRIEF ITEM REPORTING THAT THE HUPEH
PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS HAD ADJOURNED ON JANUARY 5,
THAT CHAO HSIN-CHU HAD BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HUPEH
PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE, AND THAT CHEN PEI-HSIEN
HAD DELIVERED THE WORK REPORT. THUS FAR THE STORY HAS NOT
BEEN CARRIED IN PEKING NEWSPAPERS OR NCNA.

2. COMMENT: REASONS FOR CHAO'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN
PROVINCIAL RALLIES HELD IN LATE 1977 REMAIN UNCLEAR. THE
MYSTERY OF HUPEH PROVINCIAL POLITICS IS DEEPENED BY FEI
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I-MIN'S VAGUE REFERENCE TO "A CHI ESE PRESS REPORT" IDENTIFYING
CHEN PEI-HSIEN AS THE NEW FIRST SECRETARY AND HIS PREVIOUS
SUGGESTION THAT CHAO HSIN-CHU COULD SAFELY BE COUNTED OUT
OF THE HUPEH PICTURE (REF A). ALTHOUGH IT IS CONCEIVABLE
THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE HUPEH CONGRESS REFLECTS
UNEXPECTED CENTRAL INTERVENTION, WE ARE INCLINED TO
WONDER IF FEI I-MIN WAS NOT SIMPLY WINGING IT IN AN

ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER HIS REPUTATION AS RESIDENT ORACLE
(EF B).
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